

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer-implemented method, including receiving information including a request to receive or pick-up, a printed issue of a periodical, a newspaper, or a magazine, at a retail facility or store, pursuant to a subscription, processing the information regarding the request to receive or pick-up with a processing device, wherein the processing device determines a status of the subscription or a number of issues remaining to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, generating a message in response to the information regarding a request to receive or pick-up, a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, wherein the message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial of the request, and transmitting the message to a point-of-sale transaction device located at the retail facility or at the store.